

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus including an information recording medium, comprising:

communicating means for communicating data with said information recording medium;

detecting means for detecting access to said information recording medium;

determining means for determining whether a result of detection by said detecting means indicates access by said communicating means or access from an external apparatus; and

access controlling means for controlling the access from said external apparatus when said determining means determines that the result of detection by said detecting means indicates the access from said external apparatus.

2. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising recording means for recording history information on access when said detecting means detects the access to said information recording medium.

3. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2,

wherein said access controlling means refers to said history information recorded in said recording means

and, when said history information corresponding to said external apparatus is retrieved, controls the access from said external apparatus on a basis of said history information.

4. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2,

wherein said access controlling means refers to said history information recorded in said recording means and, when said history information corresponding to said external apparatus is not retrieved, displays a selection screen for allowing selection of permission or denial of the access; and

said recording means records said history information on a basis of an operation of said selection screen by a user.

5. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising informing means for, when said determining means determines that the result of detection by said detecting means indicates the access from said external apparatus, notifying the access.

6. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 5,

wherein said informing means notifies the access by warning display, sound, light, or vibration.

7. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 5,

wherein said informing means changes an informing method according to an access source.

8. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said information recording medium is a non-contact type IC.

9. An information processing method of an information processing apparatus including an information recording medium, said information processing method comprising:

a communicating step for communicating data with said information recording medium;

a detecting step for detecting access to said information recording medium;

a determining step for determining whether a result of detection by processing of said detecting step indicates access by processing of said communicating step or access from an external apparatus; and

an access controlling step for controlling the access from said external apparatus when processing of said determining step determines that the result of detection by the processing of said detecting step

indicates the access from said external apparatus.

10. A recording medium on which a computer readable program for making a computer perform information processing of an information processing apparatus including an information recording medium is recorded, said program comprising:

- a communicating step for communicating data with said information recording medium;

- a detecting step for detecting access to said information recording medium;

- a determining step for determining whether a result of detection by processing of said detecting step indicates access by processing of said communicating step or access from an external apparatus; and

- an access controlling step for controlling the access from said external apparatus when processing of said determining step determines that the result of detection by the processing of said detecting step indicates the access from said external apparatus.

11. A program for making a computer perform information processing of an information processing apparatus including an information recording medium, said program comprising:

- a communicating step for communicating data with

said information recording medium;

a detecting step for detecting access to said information recording medium;

a determining step for determining whether a result of detection by processing of said detecting step indicates access by processing of said communicating step or access from an external apparatus; and

an access controlling step for controlling the access from said external apparatus when processing of said determining step determines that the result of detection by the processing of said detecting step indicates the access from said external apparatus.

12. An information processing apparatus including an information recording medium, comprising:

communicating means for communicating data with said information recording medium;

detecting means for detecting access to said information recording medium;

determining means for determining whether a result of detection by said detecting means indicates access by said communicating means or access from an external apparatus; and

informing means for, when said determining means determines that the result of detection by said detecting

means indicates the access from said external apparatus, notifying the access.

13. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 9,

wherein said informing means notifies the access by warning display, sound, light, or vibration.

14. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 9,

wherein said informing means changes an informing method according to an access source.

15. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, further comprising recording means for recording history information on access when said detecting means detects the access to said information recording medium.

16. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 9,

wherein said information recording medium is a non-contact type IC.

17. An information processing method of an information processing apparatus including an information recording medium, comprising:

a communicating step for communicating data with said information recording medium;

a detecting step for detecting access to said information recording medium;

a determining step for determining whether a result of detection by processing of said detecting step indicates access by processing of said communicating step or access from an external apparatus; and

an informing step for, when processing of said determining step determines that the result of detection by the processing of said detecting step indicates the access from said external apparatus, notifying the access.

18. A recording medium on which a computer readable program for making a computer perform information processing of an information processing apparatus including an information recording medium is recorded, comprising:

a communicating step for communicating data with said information recording medium;

a detecting step for detecting access to said information recording medium;

a determining step for determining whether a result of detection by processing of said detecting step indicates access by processing of said communicating step or access from an external apparatus; and

an informing step for, when processing of said

determining step determines that the result of detection by the processing of said detecting step indicates the access from said external apparatus, notifying the access.

19. A program for making a computer perform information processing of an information processing apparatus including an information recording medium, said program comprising:

a communicating step for communicating data with said information recording medium;
a detecting step for detecting access to said information recording medium;

a determining step for determining whether a result of detection by processing of said detecting step indicates access by processing of said communicating step or access from an external apparatus; and

an informing step for, when processing of said determining step determines that the result of detection by the processing of said detecting step indicates the access from said external apparatus, notifying the access.